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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORT FROM THE PRINCIPALS,
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1976

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROBERT S. INGERSOLL

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR WARREN CAME IN TO SEE ME REGARDING
THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF 18 LONG-RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT
(ORION P-3'S) FROM LOCKHEED. THE CANADIANS WOULD LIKE
A "PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE" CONTAINING ASSURANCES FROM
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT LOCKHEED WILL FULFILL ITS
CONTRACT WITH CANADA. WARREN DISMISSED OUR CONTENTION
THAT, SINCE LOCKHEED IS A PRIVATE CORPORATION, WE CAN
NOT GUARANTEE THE COMPANY'S ABILITY TO PERFORM. HE
INFORMED ME ON A CLOSE-HOLD BASIS THAT A DELEGATION OF
HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF INVOLVED CANADIAN AGENCIES
IS ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONDAY TO EXPLORE WHETHER
AND HOW THE U.S. CAN ASSIST CANADA IN BRIDGE FINANCING
OF THE ORION PURCHASE THROUGH FMS OR OTHER MEANS.
WARREN IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED THAT LOCKHEED NOT GET
WIND OF THE DELEGATION'S PRESENCE AND PURPOSE IN

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WASHINGTON.

AT THIS MORNING'S CABINET MEETING GREENSPAN REPORTED THAT THE ECONOMY IS "GOING WELL" WITH INFLATION EXPECTED TO DECLINE TO 6 PERCENT THIS YEAR. HE NOTED THAT PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE FORM OF SOCIAL SECURITY, WELFARE, ETC. HAVE GONE UP NINE AND ONE HALF PERCENT ANNUALLY FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS. THIS HAS BEEN OFFSET BY A DECLINE IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET IN CONSTANT DOLLARS. THE PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED TO REDUCE THE NINE AND ONE HALF PERCENT ANNUAL INCREASE. RUMSFELD ARGUED THAT WE WILL FALL BEHIND THE SOVIETS IF WE PERMIT ANY FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET. AFTER COLEMAN SPOKE ON THE CONCORDE DECISION, THE PRESIDENT ASKED FOR FULL SUPPORT FROM ALL PRESENT, INCLUDING EPA. JACK MARSH BRIEFED ON THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS. HE AND MAX FRIEDERSDORF PLAN TO MEET SOON WITH CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICERS IN EACH OF THE CABINET DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW IT.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING AND LUNCHEON; SWEARING IN OF AND RECEPTION FOR ANNE ARMSTRONG; DINNER HOSTED BY THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

TOMORROW: BRIEFING FOR EAST-WEST TRADE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY; CALL BY OUR AMBASSADOR TO BENIN; MEETING WITH NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE SHAW.

FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

I TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TODAY ON CIEC, UNCTAD IV, UNGA FOLLOW-UP AND THE RUSSIAN GRAIN AND OIL DEALS. THE TESTIMONY WAS WELL RECEIVED AND I THINK OUR BASIC THRUST IN ALL THESE AREAS IS BEGINNING TO BE UNDERSTOOD AND FAIRLY WIDELY SUPPORTED.

I THEN SPOKE AT A SYMPOSIUM SPONSORED BY THE GROUP OF CONGRESSIONAL ADVISERS ON SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION FOLLOW-UP AND ATTENDED BY THE PRESS, MANY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ALL ATTENDEES WERE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR INITIATIVES AND THE
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SESSION WAS A GOOD ONE.

I DEPARTED IN EARLY AFTERNOON FOR MY AFRICAN TRIP. I AM SENDING YOU A SEPARATE TELEGRAM INDICATING MY REASONS FOR NOT VISITING LAGOS.

FROM T - CARLYLE E. MAW

MET WITH GERALD TOBIAS, PRESIDENT OF SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT, AND OTHER CORPORATION EXECUTIVES TO RECEIVE THEIR EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT U.S. GOVERNMENT DELAY IN APPROVING FMS CREDIT AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF THREE S-61 HELICOPTERS TO INDONESIA. TOBIAS, WHO REQUESTED MEETING, NOTED SIKORSKY IS HURTING AND MAY HAVE TO LAY OFF SEVERAL HUNDRED EMPLOYEES IF CONTRACT NOT SIGNED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. I INDICATED WE APPRECIATED HIS DIFFICULTIES AND WE ARE STUDYING THE MATTER CLOSELY.

AT MY DIRECTION, BILL LEWIS (T) PRESIDED OVER INITIAL MEETING WITH HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF (MOOSE, MANTEL, ET AL) TO REVIEW GENERAL THRUST AND CONTENT OF PRESIDENT'S FY 1977 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE THROUGH FEBRUARY 24. INITIAL MEETING WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND SET TONE FOR USEFUL BACKGROUND BRIEFING FOR STAFF.

MET WITH MONROE LEIGH AND JOHN THOMAS RE RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS.

LUNCHEON CONFERENCE WITH VIN LEARSON AND MONROE LEIGH.

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PREPARATIONS FOR TEHRAN TRIP, INCLUDING BRIEFINGS BY MR. BENGELSDORF (OES) AND CHARLES NAAS (NEA).

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FROM SONNENFELDT

I GAVE MORGAN, ZABLOCKI AND BROOMFIELD A BRIEFING ON THE MOSCOW SIGNAL PROBLEM. ZABLOCKI PRESSED HARD ON WHY WE
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HAD NOT INSTALLED PROTECTIVE SCREENING WHEN WE FIRST ENCOUNTERED RADIATION 15 YEARS AGO, AND WHETHER OUR OWN EQUIPMENT MIGHT BE EMITTING RADIATION. BOTH HE AND MORGAN SAID THEY HAVE HAD QUESTIONS FROM CONSTITUENTS; I SAID WE WOULD HELP THEM WITH REPLIES.

I CALLED VORONTSOV TO INQUIRE WHETHER IT WAS STILL HIS INTENTION TO SEND ME THE TYPED COPY OF DOBRYNIN'S COMMENTS ON THE SHADRIN CASE, AS ARRANGED BY YOU AND DOBRYNIN. VORONTSOV SAID THIS MUST BE A MISUNDERSTANDING SINCE DOBRYNIN TOOK TO MOSCOW WITH HIM THE HANDWRITTEN NOTES HE SHOWED YOU AND TELEGRAM WHICH HAD CONTAINED THE INSTRUCTION HAS BEEN DESTROYED. VORONTSOV SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO SEND US ANYTHING MORE ON THIS MATTER. INGERSOLL

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